

TITLE 7: COUNTY AIRPORTS
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71.021 Aeronautical Activities.

No person shall conduct any aircraft operation to, on, from or over the Airport, or service, maintain or repair any aircraft on the Airport, or conduct any aircraft operations on or from the Airport except in conformity with the requirements herein contained, orders issued by the Director, regulations established by the FAA under authority of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-726) and amendments thereto, and any California State Rules and Regulations governing aircraft not in conflict with rules and regulations of the United States of America.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.022 Payment.

Payment for use of Airport facilities, commercial permit fees, storage, repairs, supplies, or other services rendered by the Department of Airports shall be made before flight clearance will be granted unless satisfactory credit arrangements have been made with the Airport Manager. Unless payment is made or credit arrangements are made, the County or CSA shall have a lien on the aircraft and may impound the aircraft. Said lien is pursuant to Section 1208.62 of the Code of Civil Procedure and Sections 3051 and 3068 of the Civil Code.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.023 Refusal of Clearance.

The Airport Manager may delay or restrict any flight or other operations at the Airport and may refuse takeoff clearance to any aircraft for a violation of these regulations or for reasons of safety to persons or property.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.024 Closing of Field.

In the event a determination is made that the conditions of the Airport are unsafe for landings or takeoffs, it shall be within the authority of the Director, Airport Manager or designated representative to close the Airport or any part thereof. Closure shall be accompanied, as appropriate, with a FAA Notice to Airmen with notice to appropriate Air Traffic Control agencies. This same procedure shall be followed to re-open the Airport when the field is again usable.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.025 Airport Ground and flight Regulations.

(a) All aircraft traffic shall conform to the established traffic pattern as approved by the FAA and posted at the Airport.

(b) No person shall park nor permit an aircraft to stand an unreasonable length of time on any runway or taxiway at the Airport.

(c) No person shall park or store an aircraft or aircraft components at the Airport except in areas designated by the Airport Manager.

(d) No person shall conduct experimental flight or ground demonstrations on the Airport, which are not in accordance with applicable FAA regulations.

(e) No person shall take any aircraft from the landing area or hangars or operate such aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or FAA prohibited drugs.

(f) No person shall leave an aircraft unattended unless it is properly tied down or placed in a hangar. Owners of such aircraft shall be held responsible for any damage resulting from failure to comply with this rule.

(g) No aircraft shall be permitted to remain on any part of the landing or takeoff areas for the purpose of repairs.

(h) All aircraft shall be taxied at slow and reasonable speeds and shall not be taxied onto a runway without first stopping and waiting for any approaching aircraft preparing to land, or as directed by the tower.

(i) No person shall, without the owner's permission, interfere or tamper with an aircraft parked or stored at the Airport.

(j) No person shall move an aircraft on the Airport in a negligent or reckless manner.

(k) No person shall start or taxi any aircraft on the Airport in a place where the air or exhaust blast is likely to cause injuries to persons or property. If the aircraft cannot be started or taxied without violating this paragraph, the operator must have it towed.

Helicopters shall in all cases comply with FAA requirements.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.026 Disabled Aircraft.

(a) Disabled aircraft and parts thereof on the Airport shall be promptly removed from the Airport or to a designated area by owners, at their own expense.

(b) If any person refuses to move an aircraft as directed by the Airport Manager, said aircraft may be towed away and stored at the owner's expense, and without liability for damage which may result in the course of or after such moving. The same shall apply to removal of a wrecked or damaged aircraft and its parts. The County or CSA shall have a lien upon said aircraft for the cost of such towing and storage as described above. Said lien is pursuant to Section 1208.61 of the Code of Civil Procedure and Sections 3051 and 3068 of the Civil Code.

(c) If an aircraft is disabled on a runway of the Airport, the Airport Manager may take whatever action he deems necessary to make the runway safe for other aircraft, and the owner shall bear the expense of such action as well as the expense of any and all damages caused to the disabled aircraft.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.027 Categories of Aircraft Use.

(a) Private.

(1) Privately owned and operated aircraft will be as defined by appropriate FAA regulations.

(2) Company and corporation - owned aircraft that are operated for the free transportation of personnel and/or products are classified as private aircraft and subject to the same restrictions.

(3) Aircraft for sale: New or used privately owned aircraft held for sale only. Such aircraft may be demonstrated to prospective purchasers, or, when sold, may be used to instruct the new owner in their operation.

(4) Aircraft owned privately, but leased or rented back to a commercial operator, shall be automatically classified as "commercial" as defined in Section 71.027(b).

(b) Commercial.

(1) Rental, lease, hire or charter aircraft.

(2) Aircraft used for commercial purposes and not otherwise covered in this chapter.

(c) Certificated Air Carriers.

(1) Contract: All federally or California-certificated air carriers holding a contract with the County or CSA for Airport usage.

(2) Non-Contract: All federally or California-certificated air carriers not covered in Section 71.027(c)(1) above.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.028 Radio Contact.

(a) Pilots of aircraft shall not land, taxi, or take off without first obtaining a clearance from the appropriate air traffic control currently in operation by radio, telephone or light signal when operating from any Airport with an Air Traffic Control Tower.

(b) All aircraft based on or operating regularly into or out of an Airport with an Air Traffic Control Tower must be equipped with two-way radio.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.029 Glider Towing.

No person shall tow or pull a glider by airplane, motor vehicle, or any other method, where such towing or pulling is for the purpose of taking off, unless the Airport Manager determines that it may be done without danger to life or property and without interfering with the operations of the Airport and gives prior approval.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)

71.0210 Parachute Jumping.

Parachute jumping within the confines of the Airport boundaries, flight patterns, approach zones, or 45-degree entry legs, or in any other area which would constitute a hazard is prohibited unless prior written approval is obtained from the Airport Manager and compliance with FAA regulations is assured.

Amended Ordinance #2132 (1977); Amended Ordinance 3975 (2006)